

## CLAIMS

1 SUB A1 X. A method for managing a project requiring a plurality of tasks performed on at  
2 least one computer system by a plurality of users, comprising the steps of:

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4 interactively defining a plurality of groups of users associated with the project;

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6 interactively defining, for each of said plurality of groups of users, a respective  
7 project tracking interface, each project tracking interface having a respective set of task  
8 selections, wherein a first set of task selections of a first project tracking interface for a  
9 first group of users is different from a second set of task selections of a second project  
10 tracking interface for a second group of users;

11 associating a first user with said first group of users;

12 presenting said first project tracking interface having said first set of task  
13 selections to said first user;

14 associating a second user with said second group of users; and

15 presenting said second project tracking interface having said second set of task  
16 selections to said second user.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said step of interactively defining, for each of  
2 said plurality of groups of users, a respective project tracking interface, comprises  
3 interactively defining, for each task selection, a respective task description, whereby a  
4 task selection for a first project tracking interface may have a first task description, and  
5 the same task selection for a second project tracking interface may have a second task  
6 description different from said first task description.

1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein each task selection displayed in a project tracking  
2 interface includes a task status indicator.

1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein said task status indicator is assumes one of a  
2 plurality of colors, each color corresponding to a respective status.

1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said step of interactively defining, for each of  
2 said plurality of groups of users, a respective project tracking interface, comprises  
3 generating, for each of said plurality of groups of users, a respective interface definition  
4 file, said interface definition files containing entries corresponding to tasks, wherein a  
5 first interface definition file for defining said first project tracking interface contains a  
6 respective entry for each task selection in said first set of task selections, and a second  
7 interface definition file for defining said second project tracking interface contains a  
8 respective entry for each task selection in said second set of task selections.

1 6. The method of claim 5, wherein each said entry in an interface definition file  
2 includes a respective task description field, whereby a task selection for said first project  
3 tracking interface may have a first task description, and the same task selection for said  
4 second project tracking interface may have a second task description different from said  
5 first task description.

1 7. The method of claim 5, wherein each said entry in an interface definition file  
2 includes a respective scope field specifying the scope of the task selection, whereby a task  
3 selection for said first project tracking interface may have a first scope, and the same task  
4 selection for said second project tracking interface may have a second scope different  
5 from said first scope.

1 8. A computer program product for managing a project requiring a plurality of tasks  
2 performed on at least one computer system by a plurality of users, said computer program  
3 product comprising:

4 a plurality of processor executable instructions recorded on signal-bearing media,  
5 wherein said instructions, when executed by at least one processor, cause at least one  
6 computer to perform the steps of:

7 receiving interactive input defining a plurality of groups of users associated with  
8 the project;

9  
10 receiving interactive input defining, for each of said plurality of groups of users, a  
11 respective project tracking interface, each project tracking interface having a respective  
12 set of task selections, wherein a first set of task selections of a first project tracking  
13 interface for a first group of users is different from a second set of task selections of a  
14 second project tracking interface for a second group of users;

15 associating a first user with said first group of users;

16 presenting said first project tracking interface having said first set of task  
17 selections to said first user;

18 associating a second user with said second group of users; and

19 presenting said second project tracking interface having said second set of task  
selections to said second user.

1 9. The program product of claim 8, wherein said interactive input defining, for each  
2 of said plurality of groups of users, a respective project tracking interface, comprises  
3 input defining, for each task selection, a respective task description, whereby a task  
4 selection for a first project tracking interface may have a first task description, and the  
5 same task selection for a second project tracking interface may have a second task  
6 description different from said first task description.

1 10. The program product of claim 8, wherein each task selection displayed in a project  
2 tracking interface includes a task status indicator.

1 11. The program product of claim 10, wherein said task status indicator is assumes  
2 one of a plurality of colors, each color corresponding to a respective status.

1 12. The program product of claim 8, wherein said step of receiving interactive input  
2 defining, for each of said plurality of groups of users, a respective project tracking  
3 interface, comprises generating, for each of said plurality of groups of users, a respective  
4 interface definition file, said interface definition files containing entries corresponding to  
5 tasks, wherein a first interface definition file for defining said first project tracking  
6 interface contains a respective entry for each task selection in said first set of task  
7 selections, and a second interface definition file for defining said second project tracking  
8 interface contains a respective entry for each task selection in said second set of task  
9 selections.

1 13. The program product of claim 12, wherein each said entry in an interface  
2 definition file includes a respective task description field, whereby a task selection for  
3 said first project tracking interface may have a first task description, and the same task  
4 selection for said second project tracking interface may have a second task description  
5 different from said first task description.

1 14. The program product of claim 13, wherein each said entry in an interface  
2 definition file includes a respective scope field specifying the scope of the task selection,  
3 whereby a task selection for said first project tracking interface may have a first scope,  
4 and the same task selection for said second project tracking interface may have a second  
5 scope different from said first scope.

1 ~~15.~~ A computer program product for managing a project requiring a plurality of tasks  
2 performed on at least one computer system by a plurality of users, said computer program  
3 product comprising a plurality of processor executable instructions recorded on signal-  
4 bearing media, said instructions comprising:

5 an interface definition access function, said interface definition access function  
6 accessing a project tracking interface definition, said project tracking interface definition  
7 being one of a plurality of project tracking interface definitions, each said project tracking  
8 interface definition being associated with a respective group of users of said plurality of  
9 users, each project tracking interface definition having a respective set of task selections,  
10 wherein a first set of task selections of said first project tracking interface definition for a  
11 first group of users is different from a second set of task selections of a second project  
12 tracking interface definition for a second group of users; and

13 a project tracking interface generator, said generator generating a project tracking  
14 interface defined by a project tracking interface definition of said plurality of project  
15 tracking interface definitions.

1 16. The computer program product for managing a project of claim 15, further  
2 comprising:

3 an interactive interface definition function, said interactive interface definition  
4 function interactively receiving and storing a plurality of said project tracking interface  
5 definitions, each project tracking interface definition being associated with a respective  
6 group of users of said plurality of users.

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